



Squier Strat Guitar Pickups Replacement

This guide will show you how to replace the Fender Squier pickups.

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INTRODUCTION

You need working pickups to achieve an awesome guitar tone! Use this guide to replace broken or faulty pickups!



TOOLS:

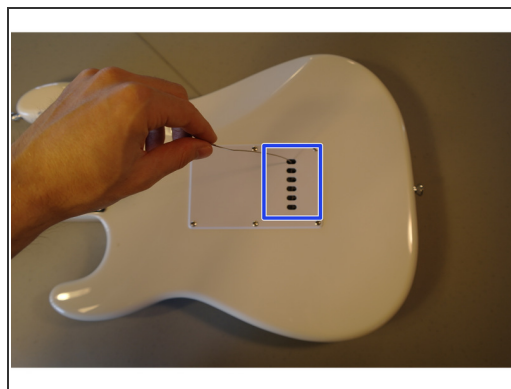
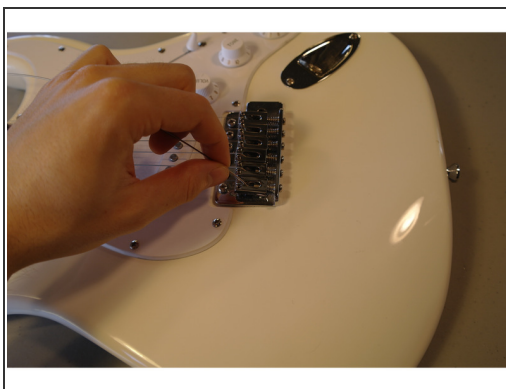
- [Soldering Station](#) (1)
- [Solder](#) (1)
- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Wire stripper/crimping tool](#) (1)
- [Guitar string winder and cutter \(Optional\)](#) (1)
- [Desoldering Braid](#) (1)




PARTS:

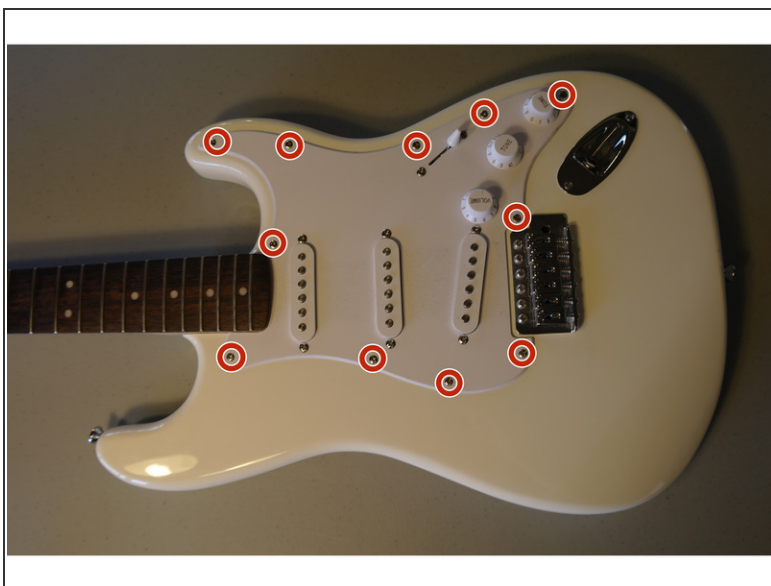
- [New Pickups](#) (1)
- [Guitar Strings \(Optional\)](#) (1)


Step 1 — Pickups



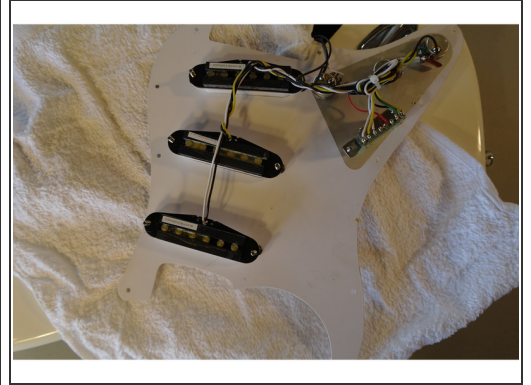
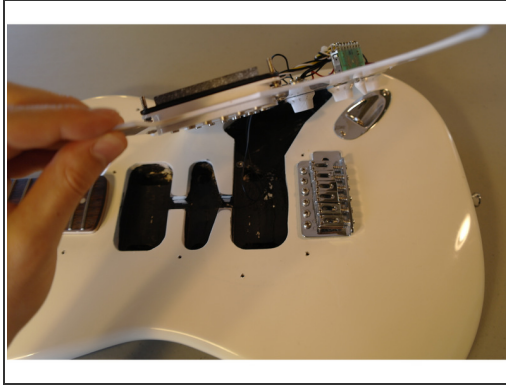
- Unwind your strings by turning the tuning pegs.
 - Pull the strings out of your tuning peg holes.
 - Push the strings out through the back plate holes.
-  Use a string winder to speed up this process.

Step 2



- Unscrew the 11 screws holding the pickguard to the body of the guitar.
-  Keep the screws in a safe place!

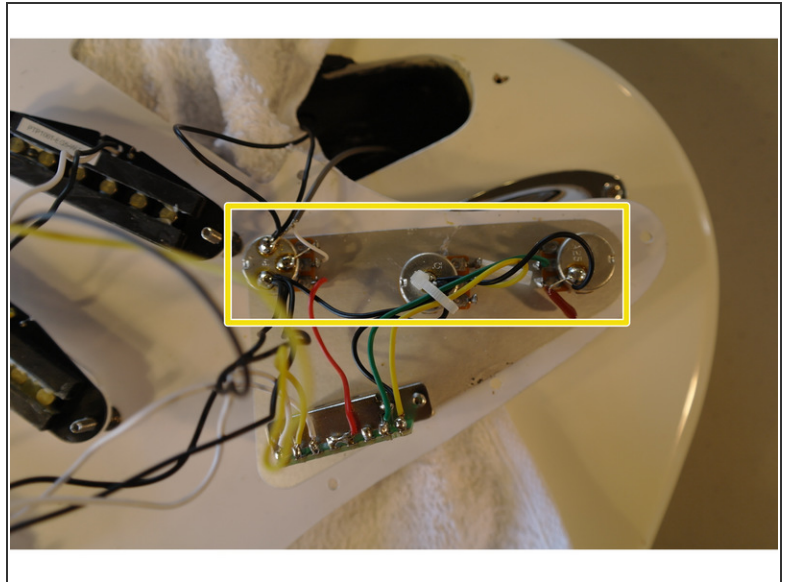
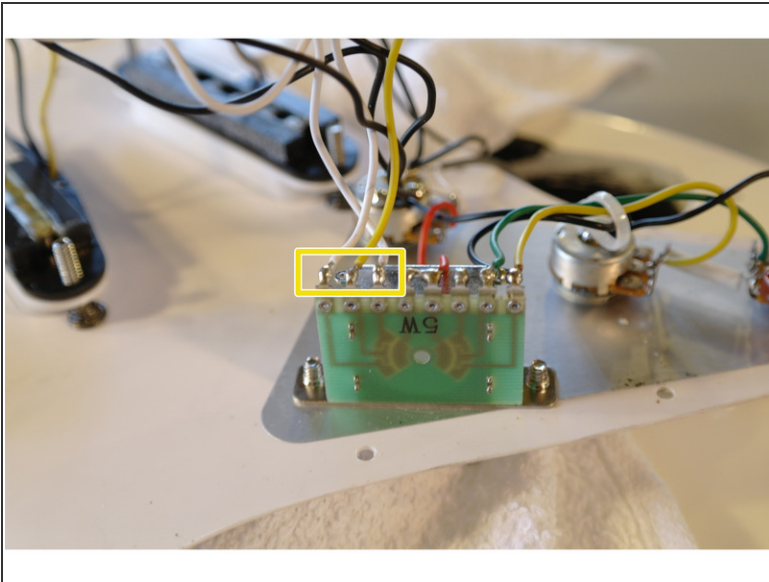
Step 3



- Lift up the pickup guard gently.
- Flip the pickup guard to expose the wiring.
 - Place a towel underneath pickup guard to protect your guitar's body.

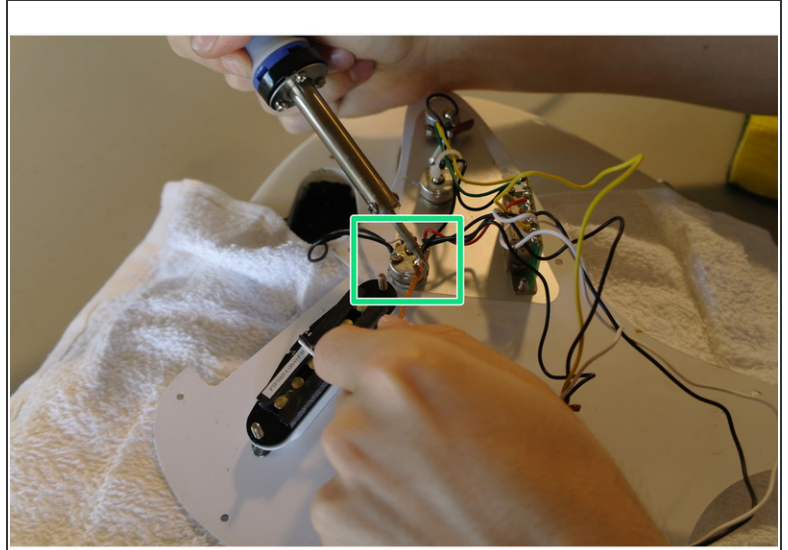
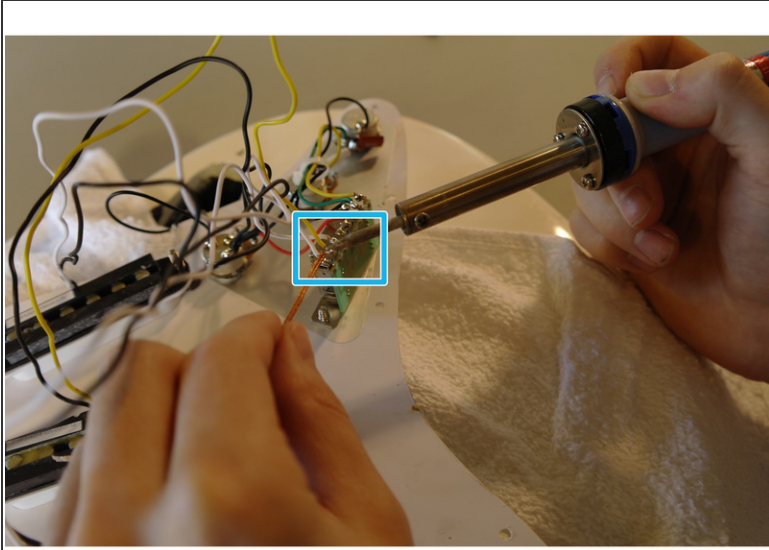
⚠ Do not use excessive force when lifting the pickup guard.

Step 4



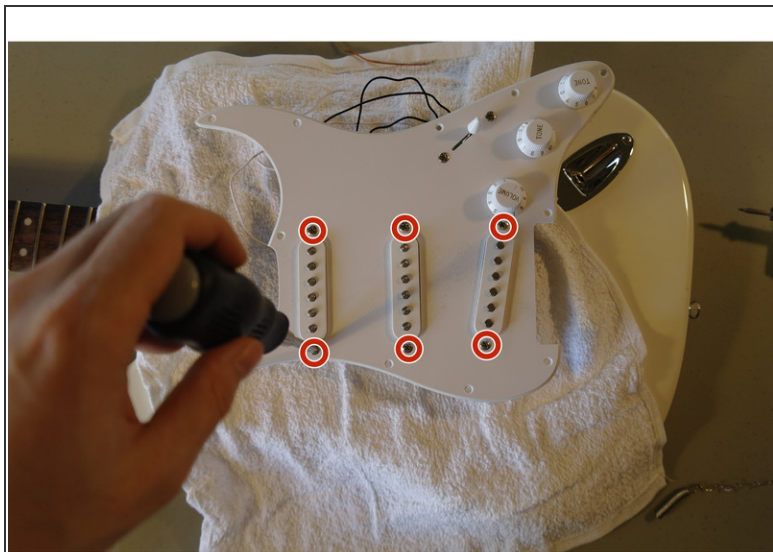
- Take note of where each pickup is wired.
 - Make sure to keep track of the negative and positive wires. Black wires usually indicate negative wires.
- ⓘ Pickups are usually wired to the potentiometers and pickup selector switch.

Step 5



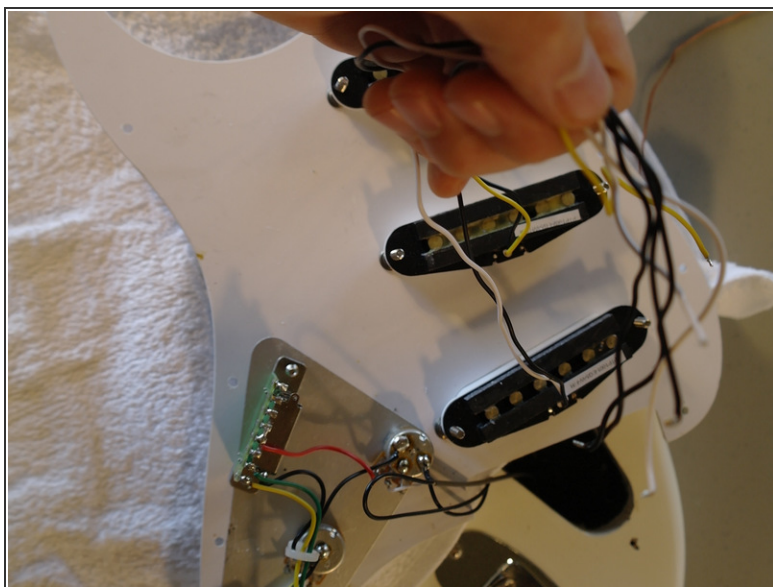
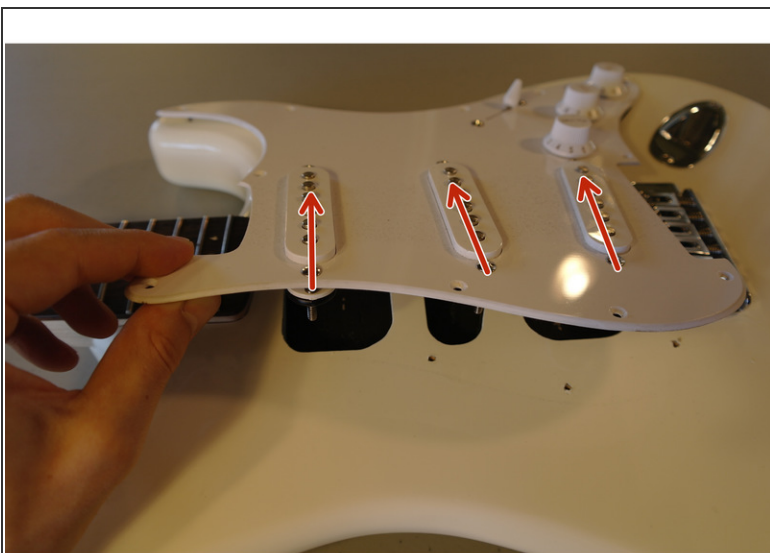
- Desolder the pickups from the pickup selector switch using a quality soldering iron and soldering wick.
 - Desolder the pickups from the potentiometers.
- ⚠ Excessive heat from the soldering iron can damage components.

Step 6



- Flip the pickup guard back to its original position.
- Remove the screws holding the pickups to the pickup guard.

Step 7



- Flip the pickup guard to reveal the wiring.
- Remove pickups from the pickup guard. They should come out very easily.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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